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1. REPEATED FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AND USE IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS ISSUED BY DOD ON JULY 16 REGARDING APPEARANCE OF SR-71 AT FARNBOROUGH.
2. "THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE'S MOST SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT, THE SR-71, WILL GO TO EUROPE EARLY IN SEPTEMBER ON A ROUTINE OVERSEAS TRAINING MISSION. DURING THAT MISSION THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON STATIC DISPLAY FROM 2 THROUGH 8 SEPTEMBER AT FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL 74, AND INTERNATIONAL AIR SHOW AT FARNBOROUGH, ENGLAND.
3. "WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMITTING, THE SR-71 WILL ATTEMPT TO SET A NEW SPEED RECORD FOR A TRANS-ATLANTIC CROSSING BETWEEN NEW YORK AND LONDON. THE FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FAI), THE ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION FOR ALL RECORDS IN AVIATION, WILL BE ASKED TO CERTIFY THE RECORD. CURRENTLY THIS FAI RECORD IS HELD BY A ROYAL AIR FORCE F4K FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WHICH FLEW THE ROUTE IN FOUR HOURS AND FORTY-SIX MINUTES." INGERSOLL

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